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450100-03009**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 6, and 8, which are independent, are hereby amended. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2003/0194037 to Ono, et al.

Claim 1, as amended, recites *inter alia*:

“...reproducing a number of dummy packets in accordance with the difference between the requested time of arrival written in the header and the cycle time at the time of reception together with the series of data packets.” (emphasis added)

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As understood by Applicants, U.S. Publication No. 2003/0194037 to Ono, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Ono") relates to a reception interface unit in a transmission system wherein time series data is divided into data groups and a data packet with reproduction specification time data specifying a time at which each data piece in the data groups should be reproduced and added to the data groups is transmitted on a transmission bus in a time division manner.

Applicants submit that nothing has been found in Ono that would teach or suggest the above-identified features of independent claim 1. Specifically, Applicants respectfully submit that Ono fails to disclose or suggest reproducing a number of dummy packets in accordance with the difference between the requested time of arrival written in the header and the cycle time at the time of reception together with the series of data packets, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, claim 1 is believed to be patentable.

Independent claims 4, 6, and 8 are similar in scope and are believed to be patentable for similar reasons.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

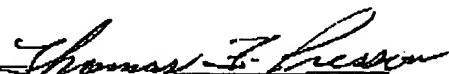
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450100-03009**CONCLUSION**

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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